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To: Mayor Manual A. Diaz
Commissioner Marc Sarnoff
City of Miami Commissioners
City Manager Pedro Hernandez
Friends of Marine Stadium

At its last meeting on December 30th, the Board of Directors of Sierra Club Miami Group voted unanimously to endorse the efforts to restore Miami Marine Stadium. This wonderful and unique community gathering space has a remarkable history. Just as significant, it has a terrific future for concerts, community and water related events.

We also recommend that the City not appeal the historic designation of the Marine Stadium Basin. When originally deeded by the County, the Basin was intended for Marine Stadium use. We believe that the City should either fulfill its other programmatic needs either within the limits of the historic preservation ordinance or at other locations. In this regard, it is very important that we emphasize the recreational and environmental aspects of the Virginia Key Master Plan.

Yours truly,

Sierra Club Miami Group Executive Committee